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THE BRITISH COLONIST.

A. DE COSMOS, Editor.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1859.

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING
 Of the Inhabitants of Victoria, Vancouver's Island, held at the Assembly Hall, Broad street, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., Monday Evening, 4th April, 1859.
 Present—a large assemblage of people, crowding the Hall in every part.

On motion of James Yates, Esq., M. P. P., Mr. H. Holbrook was called to the Chair, and Mr. Copland was chosen Secretary of the Meeting.

The Chairman read to the Meeting the notice calling them together, which was as follows:

"A Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Victoria and Vancouver's Island, will be held at the Assembly Rooms in the said Town, near the Hotel de France, at 7 1-2 this Evening, to take into consideration the best means of carrying into the Law, declared so to be by His Excellency the Governor of the Colony, as regards the Independent Press of this Colony. Dated Victoria, 4th April, 1859."

The Chairman likewise read a copy of the following Proclamation of His Ex-

cellency Governor Douglas, declaring the Acts in force in England requiring newspaper proprietors to find sureties, etc., have been in operation in this colony, and cautioning all parties from making any infraction of said Laws.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency James Douglas, Commander of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor, and Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral, etc., of Vancouver's Island and its Dependencies.

Whereas, the Laws of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, regulating the privilege and publishing of Pamphlets and Newspapers, are the Laws regulating the same and in force in this Her Majesty's Colony of Vancouver's Island, except in so far as the said Laws impose any stamp duties on Newspapers and duties on advertisements published therein:

And, whereas there is reason to believe that infractions of these Laws have been committed by persons in ignorance thereof: And it is expedient to declare and make known the same to prevent such infractions in future, and that none of Her Majesty's loyal subjects nor any other persons may incur the penalties prescribed for their violation:

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises, I, James Douglas, Governor of Her Majesty's said Colony of Vancouver's Island, do hereby declare and make known that, with the exceptions aforesaid, the Statutes 60, Geo. III, Cap. 9;—44 Geo. IV; and 4 Will. IV, Cap. 75; and the 6th and 7th Will. IV, Cap. 76, are the Statutes regulating the printing and publishing of pamphlets and newspapers in this colony.

And I do further make known, that the declarations required by the Statute 6 and 7 Will. IV, may be declared before the Colonial Secretary, or person acting in that capacity for the time being, in lieu of a Commissioner of Stamps, and filed in his office; and the recognizances required to be entered into by the said Statutes of 60 Geo. III, Cap. 9, 44 Geo. IV, and 4 Will. IV, Cap. 75, may be entered into before the Chief Justice of Vancouver's Island in lieu of a Baron of Exchequer.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony of Vancouver's Island, at Government House, Victoria, this 50th day of March, A. D., 1859, and in the 22nd year of Her Majesty's reign.

(Signed)

JAMES DOUGLAS, [L S]
 GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

G. I. Wight, Esq., Barrister at Law, then addressed the Meeting, and explained at some length the law as it now stood, and could be applied in England, and concluded by proposing a resolution as follows:

"That, with reference to the Proclamation read by the Chairman of this Meeting, and appreciating the hardship it entails on the independent press of Victoria, more particularly the proprietor of the "British Colonist," upon whom the said Proclamation more directly bears, and with a full determination to obey the law which His Excellency the Governor has, by his Proclamation, stated has extended to this colony, this Meeting, with a view of supporting the liberty of the independent press, and appreciating the efforts made by the edi-

tor, Mr. Amor De Cosmos, of the "British Colonist," for the advancement of the public interest of this colony, are of opinion that Mr. Amor De Cosmos be requested to again issue his paper, which has been stopped by said Proclamation for want of sureties, and for that purpose that a list of those who are willing to subscribe towards the guarantee of those who may be selected or be willing to become securities out of said list, and thus enable him to comply with the requisitions of the law as laid down by the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor."

This motion was duly seconded, and having been read by the Secretary, and put to the Meeting by the Chairman was unanimously agreed to.

It was then proposed to the Meeting that, as the sum which the law required for sureties was £800, the subscription list be restricted to that sum.

Mr. Pidwell then moved as an amendment that instead of giving cash a number of parties should give their bonds in certain sums, so as to amount in the total to the sum of £800 stg. And which amendment having been seconded by Mr. Wight, was put to the Meeting and unanimously resolved upon.

The following resolution was then put to the Meeting:

"That, for the purpose of carrying out the object of this Meeting, Messrs. Yates, Homer, Bayley, and Wight, be appointed a Committee, with power to add to their number."

This motion was duly seconded, and having been put to the Meeting, was unanimously agreed to.

It was then proposed, and duly seconded, "That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to, and published in, the London Times, Daily News, and Daily Telegraph," which, on being put to the Meeting, was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Homer then moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried with acclamation; and the Meeting then separated.

HENRY HOLBROOK, Chairman.
 JOHN COPLAND, Secretary.

[FROM OUR FORT YALE CORRESPONDENT.]

FORT YALE, April 2, '59.

Since my last a Grand Jury has been empaneled, and adjourned, without transacting any other business than ignoring the bills of murder against the two Indians confined in jail some time since for the murder of Bostons last summer.

Judge Begbie and suite have departed for Thompson River, to look after thing there, and examine into Mr. Travalie's accounts, which are said to be "kind o' loose."

The rush for the upper country continues unabated, and the fever seems to have seized upon all conditions of society—miners and traders "clataw-ing" alike. Great stories are afloat as to the richness of the upper country, and coarse gold and nuggets are becoming common here, being brought from above by miners and traders, who immediately return with stocks of provisions.

Mr. Winston, of the famous Island

diggings, near Boston Bar, is in town. His two partners carried down forty-six pounds of gold dust last week, to San Francisco, which amount they had dug out of their claim since November last, although they were not able to work one-half the time, owing to the severity of the weather. The average yield of Winston's claim is fifty ounces every twenty-four hours—the sluices being run night and day. As high as seventy ounces has been taken out in twelve hours.

That the country is rich in gold is not now doubted, and the yield of '59 will astonish the grumblers of '58. Look out for another rush from California about June.

Hill's Bar continues to maintain its old reputation for richness. Emory's Bar, which was nearly deserted recently, is again being worked by new-comers, most of whom affirm that they make from 8 to 12 dollars per day with rockers. Another stratum of pay dirt has been struck about three feet below the one just worked out.

It is rumored here that ex-Commissioner Hicks is on his way up, armed with titles for his town lots. If this be true, a great wrong has been committed, the memory of which will not be extinct in the minds of the sufferers for years.

A young man, name unknown, was carried over the Falls on Monday last, and drowned. The accident was caused by the capsizing of his canoe a short distance above those dangerous rapids.

Business continues slowly to improve; but the stock of goods is not heavy. Flour is worth \$41; Beans, 40c; Bacon, 27c to 28c; E B Syrup, in 5 gal. kegs, \$9; Pork, \$27 per hlf bbl; China Sugar, 48.

Yours, etc.

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A. DE COSMOS, Editor.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1859.

WHENEVER any of the inalienable prerogatives of the people, such as liberty of speech and the right of public discussion, are tampered with by their rulers,—whenever those natural rights absolutely essential to the existence of a free people, are endangered or violated—whether by suppression or imposition—then it behoves the people to watch narrowly and closely any infringement of their liberties; and by a remonstrance high-toned and dignified, to do as their forefathers did before them, declare through constitutional assemblages of the people, through petitions, and through their Parliament, that those rights shall never, without their consent be infringed with impunity. In the formation of new colonies difficulties may occur,—responsibilities of no ordinary description may exist,—mistaken powers may be used, or a blind assumption of authority exercised,—and as those difficulties or responsibilities arise, it becomes the duty of those who exercise any authority to weigh well the authority conveyed to them, and not to exercise—at their will and pleasure—a wild and reckless disregard of the fundamental

principles of constitutional liberty and of the inalienable prerogatives of Englishmen. Only about ten days since a Proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor of this colony, declaring that the Statute laws of England are in force here; and that the newspapers of this colony were to give security to the Queen in £1200, in pursuance of one of the Statutes of the United Kingdom.

When or how the Statutes of Great Britain, or this one in relation to newspapers, were extended here does not appear by the Proclamation. The reason for such an omission can only be that His Excellency knew that under the constitution of this colony, the MAKING of laws was not in his hands, but in the hands of the people through their Legislature. We have searched in vain the Statutes of England, to see if before the granting a constitution to this colony any act of the Imperial Parliament had legislated for this country by extending her Statute laws to this colony, and we find that none exists. Therefore we must fall back on the principles of Colonial law to discover whether His Excellency the Governor has taken on himself an authority which has not been conveyed to him by the British Parliament or the Legislature of this colony. "It cannot be for a moment doubted that on the foundation of a colony, the colonists carry with them ONLY so much of the English law as is applicable to their own situation and the condition of an infant colony,—such for instance as the general rules of inheritance and of protection from personal injuries: The artificial refinements and distinctions incident to the property of a great and commercial people, the laws of police and revenue, (such especially as are enforced by penalties,) the jurisdiction of spiritual courts and a multitude of other provisions, are neither necessary nor convenient for them, and THEREFORE ARE NOT IN FORCE." If we view this country as an American colony, it is unquestionable that the common law as such has no allowance or authority here. This country being no part of the mother country, but a distinct, though dependant, dominion, and as such is only subject to the control of the Imperial Parliament; but is not bound by any acts of Parliament of the United Kingdom, UNLESS PARTICULARLY NAMED. Such being the case—which can be sustained by the highest authorities on Colonial law—and assuming that the Queen of England as such had no authority in herself to make laws for this colony—except through her Parliament or the Legislature of this colony—how comes it that His Excellency the Governor, who derives his authority from the Crown, has taken upon himself to declare that to be law which the Queen, without the sanction of Parliament, dare not and had no authority to do? That this act has been done with a full knowledge of its being an invasion of the rights of the local Legislature, is clear; because the Right Hon. Secretary Labouchere, in his despatch to His Excellency Gov. Douglas, dated 28th Feb., 1856, informed him that it was doubted by authorities conversant with the principles of Colonial law, whether the Crown could legally convey

authority to make laws in a settlement founded by Englishmen, even for a temporary or special purpose, to any Legislature not elected wholly or in part by the settlers themselves,—and if such was the case the clause in his (Gov. Douglas') commission was unwarranted and invalid. There can then be no doubt that his Proclamation is unwarranted; that he has declared that to be law which is not a law of the colony, being only applicable to the mother country; that he has taken upon himself the power of piece-meal Legislation not conferred on him by the British Parliament or the people of this colony; and therefore in declaring the Statutes of the United Kingdom in force here, he has infringed the constitutional rights of the people of this colony. The people then should take such steps for the protection of their rights as will prevent a recurrence of such an invasion in the future, which has not been warranted by precedent, authority, or Legislative enactment.

TO OUR READERS.—An apology is due to our readers for our non-appearance on Saturday last. The cause of which was a Proclamation putting in force the Statute law of England in this colony, relative to newspapers,—demanding sureties, and except such was done for every issue a fine of Fifty Pounds would be imposed. On learning accidentally the existence of such a Proclamation at a late hour of the day prior to publication, and not wishing to violate even the color of law, and not finding the officer of the government before whom the declaration should be filed, in his office, we concluded not to publish. In the meantime the people took the matter in hand to provide the sureties,—making it a public matter, they viewing the Proclamation as an attempt to gag the press, and the British Colonist in particular. The manner in which they carried out their object will be found on our first page. The best compliment we can pay the people of Victoria for the service they have done us, is to say that they have shown that they possess the sense and spirit to maintain the freedom of the press, the surest guardian of constitutional liberty.

EXTRACT from a private letter, dated Bridge River, 16th March:

Miners are just commencing operations, and their prospects are indeed brilliant. Those who have already got to work are making from ten to fifty dollars per day—not so bad when you consider that they have before them nearly eight months of uninterrupted good weather, and are almost equally certain that the yield of their claims will not diminish any in the meantime.

One great drawback, and which is generally complained of, is the exaction by mule packers of extravagant prices for packing. This species of monopoly is felt as severely here as the prohibitory policy of the hoary-headed monopoly last year. Can't you prevail on some of your friends in California to come here and engage in the business, and rely upon it they will have plenty of support.

The news from the Canoe country is of the most encouraging nature.

NEW STERN-WHEEL STEAMER.—Capt. H. S. Murray is building on the opposite side of the harbor, at Deadman's Point, for the British Columbia Steam Navigation Company, a boat of the following dimensions: Length, 445 feet; depth of hold, 4 feet; breadth of beam, 27 feet. She is to be propelled by two high-pressure engines, 46 inch cylinder, and 6 feet stroke. When ready to run, with wood and water on board, she will not draw over 42 inches of water. It is expected that she will be able to navigate Fraser river at all stages of the water.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

I. O. O. F.—Vancouver Association No. 1, I. O. O. F.

WHEREAS, It having been decided by the Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and their subordinates in the United States and Canada, to celebrate the Semi-Centennial Anniversary, on Tuesday the 26th Inst., of the foundation of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North America: Resolved, That this Association do unite in celebrating the same, and that a Committee of three be appointed by the President, to make arrangements, and report to this Association at the next meeting. Resolved, That all members of the order in this Colony be, and they are hereby requested to meet this Association at their Room in the VI TORIA HOTEL, on Wednesday Evening next, the 13th at 1-2 past 8 o'clock, to hear the report of the Committee.

By order,

FRANK B. AUSTIN, President.

J. S. DRUMMOND, Sec'y pro tem.

A CARD.

D. G. F. MACDONALD, C. E., begs to intimate that he is about to proceed to Queenborough on the Government Survey, and that Mr. Rudolph d' Hencense, his assistant, will give prompt attention to all matters of business at Victoria. Architectural plans, Machine Drafting and specifications prepared. The erection of Buildings, Mills, Wharves, Bridges, etc., superintended. Town Lots and Farming Lands surveyed, selected and purchased either in Vancouver Island, at Queenborough, or any other part of British Columbia. Plans and reports setting forth the quantity, quality of soil, location and other necessary information furnished on application. Communications to be addressed to D. G. F. MACDONALD, C. E., Queenborough, or at his Chambers with Messrs. Wight and Copland, Barristers and Conveyancers, Victoria, where plans will be open for inspection.

Victoria, V. I., 6th April, 1859.

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RICH DIGGINGS.—Mr. Samuel Swift, who arrived on the Eliza Anderson from the mines, brings us the most encouraging news as to the character of the mines above the Canyon. The mining company to which he belongs was called Sanderson, Winston and Co's. Their claim is located on an Island opposite Burton's Bar, about 50 miles above Fort Yale. They worked with sluices. Owing to bad weather and Frosts they were unable to do much work till the latter part of February. Their claim paid remarkably well. The largest amount of dust taken out in twelve hours was 50 ounces, and in twenty-four hours 70 ounces. The dirt being all ready to throw into the sluices; many a time they have made 25 ounces per day; the lowest amount made in a day was 8 ounces; the average number of hands at work was ten; the last day's work to his share, after all expenses were paid, was \$425. One pan of dirt washed the last day the claim was worked yielded 4 dollars; the whole of the claim is at least 48 inches under water at the lowest stage of the river; and they worked the claim by means of a wing dam and pump. Mr. Swift is of opinion that in any part of the river, for 6 or 40 miles above or below their claim, from 5 to 8 dollars could be made with sluices, and with rockers from 5 to 6 dollars. Being well acquainted with the California mines, he is satisfied that this is better than miners can make there.

WE are compelled to omit several articles this week to accommodate our advertising patrons. They shall appear.

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Beef, 1/2 ton,	40	0	45
Bacon, extra clear, 1/2 lb.	17	0	18
Beans,	3	0	3 1/2
Butter,	35	0	40
Blankets, 1/2 pair,	4	0	11
Beef, mott, 1/2 lb.	3	0	10
Crack, pilot,	8	0	11
Crochets,	0	0	0
Coffee, Rio, 1/2 lb.	19	0	20
Coffee, Java,	15	0	16
Cheese,	35	0	45
Candles,	34	0	35 1/2
Crackers, soda,	13	0	14
Flour, best brands,	9 50	0	10 50
Gunny Bags,	18	0	25
Hay,	3	0	4
Lard, in 10 lb cans,	23	0	24
Lumber, according to quality,	18	0	22
Macaroni, 1/2 lb.	4	0	5
Nails, per lb.	4	0	5
Oats,	6	0	7 1/2
Onions,	2	0	3
Pork, extra clear, 1/2 lb.	16	0	18
Pork, mott, 1/2 lb.	15	0	16
Pean, split, 1/2 lb.	6	0	7
Potatoes, 1/2 lb.	9	0	1
Quicksilver,	20	0	1
Rice, Carolina,	8	0	9
Sugar, crushed,	8	0	9
Sugar, China No. 1, fair,	10	0	11
Sugar, New Orleans, fair,	10	0	11
Sugar, San Francisco refined,	13	0	13 1/2
Scraps, E. Boston and S. Fran. refinery,	90	0	1
Sheetings and Drillings,	13	0	14
Shirts, drawers, 50 doz.	10 50	0	11 50
Over shirts, 1/2 doz.	18	0	22
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Tens, black, according to quality,	40	0	50
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Of every description.
Also—LADIES' SHOES, of all kinds.
Boots and Shoes made to order, and Repairing
done at the shortest notice. d11

WANTED.
WANTED—A Partner in one of the best Hotels
in Victoria, now doing a large business and
steadily increasing, the present proprietor needing
more assistance, wishes to take a partner. For Par-
ticulars, apply to the office of the British Colonist.
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WANTED.
TWO Teachers for the Colonial Boys' Schools—one
at Victoria, and another at Craig Flower. For
information apply to the Rev. E. CRIDGE, at the
Parsonage, to whom testimonials and references as
to character and qualifications, are to be addressed.
Victoria, March 25th, 1859.

J. E. CROWLEY,
Johnson st., nearly opposite Waddington st.,
Bar and Sheet Iron;
Blacksmith's Tools;
Agricultural, Farming Implements,
and Hardware generally.
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NOTICE.
THE undersigned have this day sold to K. Gam-
bitz the business heretofore existing under the
firm of Earnet and Bro., at Victoria, V. I.
BARNET AND BRO.
P. S.—All outstanding debts to the above firm
Mr. Gambitz is authorized to collect. mh1912

VICTORIA BREWERY
AND LAGER BEER.
AGENCY ON YATES STREET, BETWEEN
WHARF AND GOVERNMENT.
A LARGE STOCK constantly on hand. Orders
filled for Queenborough, and every other town
on Fraser River.
Beer delivered in any part of the town of Victoria
free of charge.
J. D. CARROLL, Sole Agent.
March 19th. 6m

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY THE UN-
dersigned, on Johnson street, opposite Wharf st.,
the cargo of the "Augenette" from Sandwich Island,
consisting in part as follows:
S. I. Sugar, various qualities,
S. I. Coffee, extra quality;
Syrrups and Molasses,
Pulu, a very superior article for bedding,
Sweet Potatoes, Beans,
Pork, Pickled Tongues, etc., etc.
R. C. JANION.
March 11, 1859. mh12

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED—
Bacon, Pork, Lard, Butter,
Crushed and China Sugars,
Green and Black Teas,
Java and Rio Coffee,
Candles, Twine, etc., etc.
A. R. GREEN & CO.
Commission Merchants,
mar12 Johnson street, fronting Wharf st.

MR. G. I. WIGHT,
BARRISTER AT LAW
Of Supreme Court of Civil Justice,
VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.
CONVEYANCER AND NOTARY PUBLIC.
YATES STREET, VICTORIA. mh19

ROBERT C. JANION,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
JOHNSON STREET, OPPOSITE WHARF STREET,
VICTORIA, V. I.
and at
Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, and Cable
Street, Liverpool. mar5

HENRY C. WILSON,
LUMBER MERCHANT,
Wharf St., Victoria, V. I.
Cargoes of Masts, Spars and Lumber
filled to order. f19-1m

E. L. P. FOSTER—
50,000 feet 4 inch Boards,
75,000 T and G Flooring,
25,000 Rough Weather Boarding,
50,500 Laths,
90,000 Cedar Shingles,
63 Doors, assorted sizes,
440 Windows, assorted sizes,
f20-4m 45 Pair Window Blinds.

EXTRACT of a letter from our Fort Hope Correspondent, dated March 18: The weather has been a little milder lately than usual,—although we have occasional storms. The snow does not lay long on the ground—that is, on the flat where our little town is built.

The miners have started to work again. During the past week quite a number of companies have fitted out and started on their long and tedious journey to the Upper Fraser and Bridge river mines via the Kanyon.

Business has slightly improved here lately. Still parties selling have to do so at a great sacrifice, as most of the stocks of the traders here were laid in last fall, when prices and freights were high. Goods are selling at very low prices, when expenses and risks are considered.

I feel confident that this colony will be greatly benefitted when the proposed town of Queensboro is made a Port of Entry. It will save the dealers a great deal of time and expense; and the consumer from five to ten per cent on all goods imported into the colony. Besides the revenue would be collected and disbursed in our own province, and not on Vancouver's Island as now, which appears to me unjust in every point of view.

The citizens here are anxious to have a road made from here to Fort Yale and thence to the Forks.

DRILLAM.

FOSSILS.—There have recently been discovered, in one of the limestone quarries at Oreston, near Plymouth, the teeth, bones, and other remains of lions, tigers, elephants, rhinoceroses, horses, hyenas, and other animals. The cavern from which the fossils were extracted is situate in the solid rock in the cliff of a quarry, which is 1000 feet from the edge of the sea. The cavern was 70 feet above the level of high water, and 55 feet below the surface of the field above; it was 20 feet long, 10 feet high, and about 40 feet wide. There was no aperture or other indication of its locality. Among the contents is the jaw of an animal of the horse species in stalagmite; and, if so, establishes facts and gives rise to theories entirely new in geology.

WILL SOUR KROUT EXPLODE?—That's the question, and it has been decided in the affirmative at Cincinnati, where, says the Enquirer of that city, a barrel of the article, which had for months been lying in the cellar of a commission house, on being removed, burst like gunpowder, the staves flying in every direction, and wounding a number of the men. The odor that filled the cellar is described as exceeding the aggravated stinks of the city of Cologne.

SOUTHGATE & MITCHELL,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

ALBERT WHARF,
Victoria, Vancouver Island,
And Battery st., San Francisco, California.

WANTED,

A GOOD STEADY MAN, as Ploughman. Liberal wages will be given.
Appl to
MR. SKINNER,
Constance Farm, Esquimalt.

March 19.

THE BRITISH COLONIST, Printed and Published by AMOR DE COSMOS, Wharf street, East side, between Yates and View streets, Victoria, V. I.
Saturday, April 9, 1859.

LD. LOWENBERG,
REAL ESTATE AGENT,
Government Street, Between Yates and Johnson streets,
HAS LOTS IN NEARLY EVERY PART OF THE CITY FOR SALE.
Also, A FEW GOOD FARMS ON THIS ISLAND.
Deeds drawn at reasonable rates.

**YATES STREET CHOP HOUSE
AND
BAKERY.**

YATES STREET, OPPOSITE APOTHECARIES HALL.

THE proprietors of this establishment would respectfully inform the public that they are prepared to set a table for their customers unsurpassed by any in the town. Every delicacy or luxury cooked in the best style, which the market affords, will be served on a moment's notice. The table will always be supplied with game of all kinds. By civil waiters and prompt attention they hope to merit a share of public patronage.

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

dec. 19 RINGOLD.

T. PHELAN,

CORNER of Yates and Government streets, offers for sale

Barrels and half barrels Extra Clear Pork; 60 lb. sacks Chile Beans; Quarter sacks Olympia Flour; Billings' sugar cured Hams; Half barrels New Orleans Sugar; Extra Clear Bacon; Rio Coffee; Barrels and half barrels Sandwich Island Molasses and syrup; Half barrels Boston Crushed sugar; Black and Green Teas; and a general assortment of Crockery and Glassware. Jan 22

**PORTER, ALE, WINES, WHISKEY,
ETC.**

J. D. CARROL,

YATES STREET, VICTORIA.

KEEPS constantly on hand every variety of the choicest Ale, Porter, Wine, Whiskey, Brandy, etc., with a full supply of

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

HOT WHISKY PUNCHES, of the best quality, always ready to order, and a comfortable room to sit down in and enjoy it.

VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.—FOR SALE.—

A FARM OF 385 ACRES OF THE RICHEST description of arable land, near the mouth of the important Harbour of Esquimalt. About 60 acres have been broken and fenced in. A commodious residence, excellent barn, and other outhouses. For a stock farm it is second to none in the country.

It is situated on the coast facing the Olympian range on the opposite shores of the Straits de Fuca, with a road running thro' the estate, possesses a good boat harbour, valuable Oak and Pine timber, a running stream and a large water power or Mill privilege with from 30 to 40 feet fall.

To any one wishing to invest in real estate this is a rare opportunity, which with the present golden prospects of this rich country is not likely to recur; immediate possession can be had, with a clear and direct title from the Colonial Government.

FOR SALE.—Also, 20 Acres of rich bottom land, well watered and finely timbered, in the Salt Lake, one mile outside Esquimalt Harbour.

The above will be sold at Auction entire, or in lots to suit purchasers at Victoria, V. I., on the 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 1859, unless previously disposed of by private contract. Apply to Mr. JAMES COOPER, Esquimalt.

Or to H. P. P. CREASE, Esq., Barrister at Law, Victoria, V. I.
SELIM FRANKLIN & Co., Auctioneers and Land Agents.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE undersigned at the old stand, Government st. between Yates and Johnson sts., tenders his thanks to his numerous customers for the liberal share of patronage extended to him in his business, and takes this opportunity to assure them that nothing shall be wanting on his part to insure a continuance of their favors. He has just added to his already large stock of Ironmongery, Stoves, Tin and sheet Iron, Glass and crockery ware, and proposes to offer to the public every article in his line of business at a small advance on first cost.

Purchasers desiring anything connected with the above business, are invited to try his establishment, which he flatters himself will compare favorably with any other on the Pacific coast. MARTEN PRAG, Victoria, V. I., and 43 Clay st., San Francisco J26

GARDEN SEEDS.

JUST received a large supply of Garden Seeds (growth 1858) raised by the Shakers at New Lebanon, New York, also a choice collection of Flower Seeds. For sale by
CURTIS AND MOORE,
Druggists, Yates street, Victoria

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NATHAN POINTER
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN MESSIE, DAVIS AND JONES, PATENT

SHIRTS.

Of New York,
AND L. ATKINSON'S IMPROVED SHOULDER SEAM PATTERN

SHIRTS,
Of Philadelphia,

Just received, 75 doz. ladies and gents pure Baltic Stockings and Hose, white and colored Marcellis Shirts, Derby and Saxony Wool Shirts and Drawers, also a fine lot of Ballie Shirts,

ON YATES STREET,
OPPOSITE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, V. I.,

Is now prepared to offer the largest and best assortment of

**GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING
GOODS,**

Ever exhibited in Victoria, comprising all the latest styles of the celebrated Davis and Jones' superfine Patent

WHITE AND COLORED SHIRTS.

Is receiving by every steamer those beautiful Lyron shirts, of all sizes, running from 12 to 20 inches around the neck.

Ladies and Gentlemen's Kid Gloves.
WE STUDY TO PLEASE.

Business hours from 6 A. M. till 10 1-2 P. M. J22

GEO. T. SEYMOUR, OTIS S. PIERCE,
Victoria, San Francisco.

PIERCE & SEYMOUR,
North-west corner of Yates and Douglas streets.

VICTORIA.

FURNITURE

DEALERS, AND

BEDDING MANUFACTURERS,

ARE now in regular receipt of assorted Furniture of a substantial quality, which they offer at reasonable rates, in part consisting of

BEDSTEADS, all sizes; Bureaus, plain and scroll front; Tables, assorted sizes; Chairs, cane and wood seat, and office chairs; Rockers, cane seat and back; Looking Glasses; Cots; and other articles of immediate necessity.

Mr. Pierce—recently of J. and O. S. Pierce, San Francisco—now residing here, will give his attention to the filling of special orders for any style of Furniture, thereby saving time, trouble and expense, to parties here.

PULU! PULU!!

Of this popular material for bedding we have an ample stock on hand, which we offer either by the bale or in bedding, at steady prices. It is universally conceded to be equal to feathers, and better than curled hair for this climate, at half the price of either. Our arrangements with the sole importer of it to California, are such that we are enabled to sell lower than it can be had elsewhere. Straw Mattresses—wholesale and retail; Curled hair do., made to order. j15

C. and A. J. LANGLEY,
Importers and Wholesale Dealers

—IN—

DRUGS AND MEDICINES,

San Francisco, Cal.

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LANGLEY BROS., Wholesale and retail Druggists, and dealers in Paints, Oils, and Fishing Tackle; in connection with C. and A. J. Langley, San Francisco. Orders from the interior executed promptly, at a slight advance on San Francisco prices. A large assortment of genuine Patent Medicines always on hand. Yates street, 3 doors above Wells; Fargo and Co's office. f12

HIBBEN & CO.,

BOOKSELLERS AND STATIONERS,

YATES STREET.

anfu constant receipt of New Books as published, d supplies of Stationery adapted to the market.

SAMUEL PRICE, & CO.,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

Corner of Wharf and Johnson streets,
VICTORIA, V. I.

THOMAS MOLONY,

FORWARDING AND COMMISSION MERCHANT

FORT LANGLEY, BRITISH COLUMBIA. f12-6m

T. PHELAN,

Dealer in

**GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, CROCKERY
AND GLASSWARE.**

Cor. Yates and Government streets,
d25 VICTORIA. 5m

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

PER LATE ARRIVALS.

100 BBL'S. GOLDEN CATEFLOWR,
40,000 lbs. Bacon,
5,000 lbs. Rio Coffee,
50 Firk. extra Butter, double packages.

400 alf bbls. Pork.
50 Quarter bbls. Pork.
50 chests Black and Green Tea.
20 barrels Billings' am s.
200 doz. Piper and Fields Oys-

ters.
New Orleans Sugar, Caudles, Soda and Sugar Crackers, Pickles in Kegs, Syrups, Vinegar, Codfish, Mackerel, Spices, Sweet Oil, Rope, etc., etc. For sale, wholesale and retail, 10 per cent lower than any other House in town. J. C. GEORGE AND CO.
Wharf street, near the Royal Hotel.
Victoria, Feb. 5. feb5m1

PIONEER LINE FOR VICTORIA.

DEWAR & GEHRICK,

San Francisco—proprietors of the Pioneer line of vessels for Victoria and Fraser River, will continue regularly to dispatch A 1 vessels for Victoria and Fraser River, and will take freight at the lowest rates. Orders to purchase goods to be shipped on vessels in our line can be sent through our agent

A. KANDLER,

Victoria. No commission will be charged to such purchasers.

Shippers of goods will find it to their advantage to give us early notice of any orders for goods sent, as we will thereby be enabled to fill up smaller vessels without delay.
JOHN DEWAR,
J15m6 O. F. GEHRICK,
San Francisco.

COLONIAL

RESTAURANT,

(Formerly the Commercial.)

Nearly opposite the Post Office, East side of Government street, VICTORIA.

THE Colonial Restaurant is now open; also a Private Saloon.
Feb. 5 1859. feb6 1559.

PROVISIONS.

JUST RECEIVED per D. M. Hall, steamers Pacific and Northern:

Oregon City Mills Flour;
Self-Rising Flour; Robinson's Bacon;
Extra Clear Pork in bbls. and half bbls.
Sugar Cured Hams; Byons Beans;

Preston and Merrill's Best Powder;
Crushed and Powdered Sugar, etc.; Rio Coffee.

For Sale by GOODWIN & CO., f12
Wharf street, Victoria.

FLOUR.

OREGON CITY MILLS EXTRA,

GOODWIN & CO.,

WHARF STREET, VICTORIA.

HAVE completed arrangements for a regular supply of the above celebrated brand of Flour, to which they invite the attention of the TRADE. f12

**TO JUDGES OF FINE OLD FRENCH
BRANDY, &c.**

J. D. CUSHEON, Manager of the

UNION HOTEL,

Government Street, near Johnston St.
VICTORIA.

HAS received a large consignment of the finest old French Brandy and other Liquors ever imported into this Island.

As for his sparkling A 1 BURTON ALE. Nothing on earth can beat it, as a most refreshing and exhilarating draught.

The table is daily supplied with every delicacy.

Board reduced to 7 dollars per week.
Lodgings do. to 1 and 2 dollars per week.

50 Beds at 25 and 50 cents each per night.
J. DUCIE CUSHEON,

f19-1m Agent.